What are Special Emphasis Programs?

Special Emphasis Programs are management programs established to ensure equal employment opportunity for minorities, women, and persons and veterans with disabilities in various categories and occupations and in all organizational components throughout the Command. EEO Special Emphasis Programs include the following:

- American Indians/Alaska Natives
- Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders
- Blacks
- People with Disabilities
- Women
- Hispanics

Primary objectives of the EEO Special Emphasis Programs are:

- Analyzing agency workforce data and identifying barriers in the areas of recruitment, hiring, promotions, career development, reasonable accommodation and retention affecting the full representation of protected groups (i.e. minorities, women and persons with disabilities).
- Compiling, developing, and disseminating information and documents for managers, supervisors, and employees to provide knowledge and sensitivity in all facts or issues of accessibility and reasonable accommodation of persons and veterans with disabilities.
- Developing and conducting programs such as training events, workshops, speakers, demonstrations, special menu items, displays, and commemorative observances to provide awareness, sensitivity and understanding of the special issues affecting employment of the protected groups.

OBSERVANCE CALENDAR

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<u>January</u>			
	<u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</u> 15 January		
<u>February</u>			
	African American/Black History Month February 1 - February 28		
March			
	Women's History Month March 1 - March 31		
<u>April</u>			
	Holocaust Remembrance Day April 15th to April		
May			
	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May 1 - May 31		
<u>August</u>			
	Women's Equality Day August 26 th		
<u>September</u>			
	Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15		
<u>October</u>			
	National Disability Employment Awareness Month October 1 - October 31		
<u>November</u>			

<u>American Indian Heritage Month</u> November 1 - November 30